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Senate

The Senate met at 9:47 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable WAYNE ALLARD, a Senator from the State of Colorado.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by guest Chaplain Rabbi Moshe Feller, of Saint Paul, MN.

The guest chaplain offered the following prayer.

PRAYER

Almighty God, Master of the Universe, the Members of the U.S. Senate convene here today to fulfill one of the seven commandments which You first issued to Noah and his family after the great flood, the command to govern by just laws.

As related in the book of Genesis and its sacred commentaries, You issued at that time the following seven laws:

To worship You alone;
Never to blaspheme Your Holy Name;
Not to commit murder;
Not to commit adultery, incest, or any sexual misdeeds;
Not to steal, lie, or cheat;
Not to be cruel to any living creature; and

That every society govern by just laws based on the recognition and acknowledgment of You, O God, as the sovereign ruler of all men and all nations.

Grant, Almighty God, that the Members of the Senate constantly realize that in enacting just laws they are performing your will.

Almighty God, I beseech You today to bless the Senate and the entire Nation in the merit of one of the spiritual giants of our time and of our country, the Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson of righteous, blessed memory, who passed away 10 years ago today. The Rebbe labored with great love, dedication, and self-sacrifice to make all mankind aware of Your sacred presence.

May his memory be for a blessing, and his merit be for a shield for our

Government and our country, which he always referred to as "a country of kindness."

Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable WAYNE ALLARD led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

The legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, June 22, 2004.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, section 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable WAYNE ALLARD, a Senator from the State of Colorado, to perform the duties of the Chair.

TED STEVENS,
President pro tempore.

Mr. ALLARD thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, this morning we will again return to the Defense

authorization bill. Last night's agreement provides for an additional hour of debate in relation to Senator LEVIN's missile defense amendment. The order also provides for the vote on the Brownback indecency amendment immediately following the Levin vote. Senators can, therefore, expect two consecutive votes at approximately 11 a.m. this morning. We have also reached an agreement to have all first-degree amendments offered by 6:30 this evening. Given this agreement, I anticipate we will have votes throughout the day into the evening. If we are unable to complete the bill this evening, we would then return tomorrow for a series of votes on any remaining amendments and conclusion with final passage. Under this scenario, we should finish the bill either late tonight or tomorrow morning.

There is much more work to do before the Fourth of July recess. Although an earlier agreement allows us to go to class action, we will postpone consideration of that measure in order to begin the Defense appropriations bill in order to provide the vital support, vital monetary support, for our troops who are fighting at this moment in the war on terror overseas.

Once again, I remind my colleagues we will continue to schedule votes on the remaining judicial nominations this week, and I anticipate consideration of several of those today.

I also remind Senators to be in their seats at 2:15 today for the official photograph. This will take just a very few minutes if we have people on time. I ask Senators to be here promptly.

CANCER IN WOMEN

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I take a few minutes to speak on a totally unrelated issue on leader time and then we will move to the bill unless there is another comment to be made. It is a very important message. It is an issue most people do not understand and it has to

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